

January 2010 Community Events Calendar

Kaiser Permanente San Jose Farmers' Market

Date: Every Friday, year round. 10am-2pm

Summary: Kaiser Permanente San Jose partners with the Pacific Coast Farmer's Market Association to provide real California grown, fresh, seasonal, and organic produce sold by the farmers who produced the crops.

Location: 250 Hospital Parkway, San Jose, CA 95119

Located between the One North (270 International Circle) and Two North buildings

More information:

<https://members.kaiserpermanente.org/redirects/farmersmarkets/>

Japantown Certified Farmers' Market

Date: Sunday mornings from 8:30am-12pm

Summary: Enjoy local fresh fruits and vegetables

Location: Jackson St. and 6th and 7th Streets, Directly in front of Miraido Village, San Jose, 95112

More information: <http://www.japantownsanjose.org/market.html>

Downtown Ice at Circle of Palms

Date: Through Monday, January 18, 2009

Summary: Ice skate under the stars and palm trees – in the heart of downtown San Jose's holiday activities. Beginning its 14th season, Downtown Ice has become a holiday tradition and one of the best skating experiences in the western United States.

Location: Circle of Palms

170 S. Market St.

San Jose, CA 95113

More information: <http://www.sjdowntown.com/downtownice.html>

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

Date: January 2

Summary: Challenge yourself as you join Docent Bob Cicisly on a strenuous 5 mile hike On the Merry-Go-Round Loop/Black Hawk/Contour/Ridge trails. You will enjoy beautiful views and hike through 5 different ecological zones. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, binoculars, water and snacks. Meet at the Sprig Lake day use dirt parking lot.

Location: Mt. Madonna County Park

Time: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

For more information about other "Healthy Trails" programs and partners, call (408) 355-2240. www.parkhere.org

Brownie Eco-Explorer Patch

Date: January 9 and January 23

Summary: Come and learn about habitats, food chains, and how you can help wildlife. Then take a walk to explore the habitats at the south end of the bay. Space is limited. (Note: badges are not provided). This program is open to everyone. Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information: Call Debra at 408-262-5513 ext. 102 or visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Webelos Naturalist Badge

Date: January 9

Summary: Learn about birds, migration, flyways, food chains, human impact, and the importance of wetlands. Then take a walk and use our binoculars to spot birds in the wild. Space is limited. (Note: badges are not provided). This program is open to everyone.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information: Call Debra at 408-262-5513 ext. 102 or visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Healthy Trails Hike

Date: January 9

Summary: Join Docent Bob Ciciely on a hike along the Waterfall Loop Trail. Meet at the day use parking lot.

Location: Uvas Canyon County Park

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

For more information about this and other "Healthy Trails" programs and partners, check the County Parks website or call (408) 355-2240. www.parkhere.org

Watershed Appreciation

Date: January 10

Summary: Learn about what makes this place so exciting, and how you can help protect it. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from a presenter, take part in hands-on activities, and go on a guided walking tour along the New Chicago Marsh Trail. **RSVP Required**- All ages are welcome. Call Eric at 408- 262-5513 ext. 104.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

For more information: Call Eric at 408- 262-5513 ext. 104. or visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

PAW'er Hour

Date: 1/12/2010, 1/20/2010, 1/28/2010

Summary: This is an hour-long, fun, and informational session with a unique tour of the Humane Society Silicon Valley Animal Community Center. Paw'er Hours are not fundraising events; they are simply a way to introduce people to what the staff members do every day. Staff will share HSSV's focus and direction – and many exciting plans moving forward.

Location: HSSV Animal Community Center, Milpitas

More information: www.hssv.org

Helping Homeless Cats and Your Community

Date: January 14th

Summary: An informative class on helping with Homeless/Feral Cats in the community. They will have one of the local trappers introduce what you can do for these special cats. Please RSVP at (408) 262-2133

Time: 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Location: HSSV Animal Community Center, Milpitas

More information: www.hssv.org

Introduction to Geocaching

Date: January 16

Summary: Join Docent Sam Drake of Geocachers of the Bay Area on an adventure along the Wood Road Trail to find 6-7 hidden caches along the way. Meet at the Wood Road parking lot on Hicks Road. Bring comfortable hiking shoes, water and sun protection.

Location: Almaden Quicksilver County Park

Time: 8:45am – 12:00pm

Reservations required. (408) 355-2240.

More information: www.parkhere.org

Community Service

Date: January 16

Summary: Come help in the native plant garden by removing nonnative plants, pruning, mulching, or various other jobs that help protect wildlife and clean up our gardens. It's a great service project for scout groups, high school students needing community service, church groups, or home schooled groups. Bring your own gloves or borrow a pair of ours – tools are provided. Dress in layers and bring water and sunscreen. Be prepared to get dirty! Ages 9 and up.

Participants 18 and under must be accompanied by a chaperone.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information or to make a reservation: Call Debra for reservations at 408-262-5513 ext. 102 or visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Quackers and Honkers

Date: January 16

Summary: It's winter and most waterfowl have migrated from the North to a milder climate. Many are spending the winter here in the Bay Area. Enjoy a brief slide show about migratory ducks and geese. Then take a leisurely walk to see which ducks are residing at the refuge this year. Open to all ages. Led by Ed Kantack.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations: Call Debra at 408-262-5513 ext. 102 for reservations or visit

www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Night Sky Party!

Date: January 22

Summary: Meet the stars of winter! Join amateur astronomer, Bob Havner and some friends as we learn about constellations. Make a star chart and then venture outside to view the night sky through a telescope. Afterwards, warm up with some hot chocolate. Bring your own binoculars or spotting scopes if you have them. Dress warmly, as it gets cold in the evening. Fun for the whole family! Program will go on sprinkling rain or shine. Program will be canceled only if it is pouring rain. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Call Debra at 408-262-5513 ext 102.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For more information: Visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Beginning Birding Clinic

Date: January 23

Summary: If you can't tell your egrets from your cormorants this class is for you! You'll learn about binoculars, identification books, and other birding basics through hands-on activities and conversation. Then you'll go out into the field to practice new skills. Binoculars and books provided. Be prepared to be outdoors in the weather for about an hour. **Reservations required.** Call 408- 262-5513 x106.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

For more information: Visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Beginning Bird Photography Workshop

Date: January 23

Summary: Whether you are interested in photography tips or would like to get to know some of the birds commonly sighted at the refuge, attend this workshop! They will discuss ideal sighting and photography conditions, lighting, composition, and equipment. They will also have a slide show to familiarize you with some common shorebirds at the refuge. Then you will go on an easy walk and try your skills. Please be sure to bring your camera and/or binoculars and wear comfortable walking shoes. Led by Jen Woo. Recommended for ages 14 and up. Call Debra at 408- 262-5513 ext. 102 for reservations.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information: Visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Healthy Trails Challenge Hike

Date: January 23

Summary: Join Docent Cait Hutnik on this moderately challenging hike along the Figueroa/Vallecito/Pena/Los Cerritos Trail. Enjoy passing through a little canyon area and passing by Los Cerritos Pond. Bring sturdy hiking shoes, sun protection, binoculars, water and snacks.

Meet at the Sprig Lake day use dirt parking lot. Location: Calero County Park

Time: 9:00am – 11:00am

For more information about other "Healthy Trails" programs and partners, call (408) 355-2240. www.parkhere.org

Magical Mystery Marsh Show

Date: January 24

Summary: The refuge's own Amazing Xander will astonish and excite you with mysterious and eye-popping illusions. Come and see why your local National Wildlife Refuge is truly a magical place. Participants will have the opportunity to take part in a magic show, hear from a presenter, and go on a guided walking tour along the New Chicago Marsh Trail. **RSVP Required** - Spaces are limited, all ages are welcome. Call Eric at 408-262-5513 ext. 104.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For more information: Visit www.fws.gov/DESFbAY/index.htm

Birding the Refuge

Date: January 30

Summary: In the wintertime, there's always something great to discover on the refuge. Practice your birding skills in the different

habitats around the Education Center. Families and beginners welcome. Meet near the building entrance.

Location: Environmental Education Center, Alviso

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

For more information: Call 409-262-5513 x106 or Visit

www.fws.gov/DESFEBAY/index.htm

Family Friendly Moonlight Hike

Date: January 30

Summary: Come enjoy an outing under the moon and stars on the paved Los Gatos Creek Trail with Park Docent Jennifer Snedeker.

Watch for wildlife that come out at dark, explore overhead constellations and discover many secrets of the night. Meet at the Vasona playground parking lot. Wear comfortable walking shoes and layered clothing. Bring water, snack and flashlight. Location: Vasona Lake County Park

Time: 5:30pm -7:00pm

For more information: Call (408) 355-2240 or visit www.parkhere.org